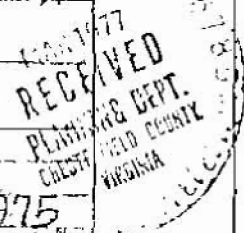


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Chesterfield
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1975



1. NAME
COMMON: Richmond View
AND/OR HISTORIC: Kingsland

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 1603 Willis Road
CITY OR TOWN: (Channery Corner vicinity)
STATE: Virginia
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Third (David E. Satterfield, III)
CODE: 51
COUNTY: Chesterfield
CODE: 041

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted XX No

FUNCTION (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	XX Vacant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Brown Engine Power Equipment, Inc.
STREET AND NUMBER: 1200 Willis Road
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
STATE: Virginia
CODE: 51

5. SECTION OF LOCAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, PROPERTY OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Chesterfield
STATE: Virginia
CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
NAME OF SURVEY: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974
FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐
NOMINATION SURVEY RECORDS
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: 221 Governor Street
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
STATE: Virginia
CODE: 51

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Chesterfield
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SECTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed
 (Check One)
☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Richmond View is located near the confluence of Kingsland Creek with the James River just south of Richmond in Chesterfield County. The house is a story-and-a-half framed structure, 18 by 31 feet, with a one-story frame ell stretching 55 feet to the rear (north). The earliest portion of the house is set on English-bond brick piers which have been infilled to create a continuous underpinning. The whole building is now covered with asbestos siding, but earlier beaded weatherboards survive under it.

The original structure is three bays in length. The front and rear walls have large nine-over-nine sash with extremely wide muntins, and the east end wall has six-over-six sash dating from the early nineteenth century. There is a door in the center of the west gable end, but evidence indicates that it also had two windows at one time. The roof, the later porch, and the five pedimented dormers (three on the front and two on the rear) are all covered with sheet metal, and the whole is crowned by a central brick chimney which is set just behind the ridge.

The house plan is one rarely seen in Virginia. One enters through a vestibule located in front of the central chimney, with a single room to either side. A later central lean-to on the rear connects with the ell, containing two consecutive rooms with a chimney between.

In the west (left) room of the front portion is a very plain early-nineteenth-century mantel which is composed of a wide architrave surround crowned by a mantel shelf. A chair rail is carried around the room. The east room has the same sort of mantel and chair rail, and there is a closed stair in the northwest (inside rear) corner. It formerly rose and turned ninety degrees to ascend from this room, but was straightened when the lean-to was added, and is now entered from that room. Under the stair is a closet with a small four-panel, raised-panel door; another small door adjacent to it in the chimney wall opens into the space behind the chimney.

In the west chamber of the half-story is a plain Greek mantel and a fine beaded, vertical-board closet door. There are many other surviving details, including doors, latches and hinges, throughout the original portion of the house.

Sometime after the first structure was built, a small, plain lean-to room was added. In it are preserved the beaded weatherboards of the former outside rear wall of the building. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, the one-story ell was added behind this. In the southern of its two rooms is a Greek Revival mantel. In the northern (rear) room, the ell's brick nogging can be observed.

One early outbuilding survives--a large, square framed structure with a pyramidal roof. It may be a smokehouse, but the interior is inaccessible to examination.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ Philosophy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ Italian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Richmond View was part of Kingsland, an early-seventeenth-century grant to Christopher Branche. Connected with the Tazewell family in the nineteenth century, it is significant primarily for its extremely rare center-chimney house, a type not ordinarily found in Virginia at so late a date.

Christopher Branche's grant of 1635 consisted of 250 acres. The property descended in the family, and beginning in the 1760s, Branch Tanner, a grandson of Thomas Tanner and Elizabeth Branch, began adding to the holding, eventually accumulating an estate of 1979 acres. Tanner died in 1794, but the property remained in his estate until 1805, when it was listed in the tax records as being owned by Dr. William Tazewell "in the right of his wife", Tanner's daughter Mary. It was probably early in their tenure that the distinctive house was built.

In 1823 the property was valued at \$29,000 for the land, plus \$800 worth of improvements. Parcels of land were gradually sold, and by 1851, when Tazewell's widow sold the property, then called Richmond View, to Richard A. Willis, the holding had been reduced to 817 acres.

The house survives as one of the few known center-chimney dwelling houses of its period in the state. Although such houses are sometimes attributed to "Huguenot" cultural influences, it seems that, in this case at least, the house represents a survival of an earlier English prototype. As such, it is related to the center-chimney, single-pile New England house, though it is important to note that Richmond View is not in the pure New England form. Certain features, particularly the placement of the stair in one of the two rooms rather than in the entrance vestibule, set it apart from northern examples, as do the general proportions of the house. What seems most likely is that the building is a vestigial example of a type of center-chimney dwelling which archaeological evidence suggests many have been prevalent in the first half of the seventeenth century in Virginia, one which was derived from the same southeastern English sources as the New England house. Since building types tend to pass down the social and functional scale, this earlier building type may have been the inspiration for the many center-chimney auxiliary buildings--kitchens, laundries, slave quarters, and so forth--which were found in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Virginia. What is rare about Richmond View, then, is the use of the plan type, in a version probably close to its original, for the principal dwelling of a large plantation. It is also worth noting that the plan of the ell is similar to that of the front portion, being three-bays long with an exterior door leading into the space beside the center chimney.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Chesterfield County Land Tax Book and Deed Books
 Nugent, Nell B. Cavaliers and Pioneers. 1963.
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 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff		DATE May 1975
ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission		
STREET AND NUMBER: 221 Governor Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia	CODE 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Exec. Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date MAY 20 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/18/75

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 9/18/75

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Richmond View	Kingsland	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Virginia	Chesterfield	(Chimney Corner vicinity)
STREET AND NUMBER		
1608 Willis Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	DEPOSITORY FILED AT
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	1974	Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View from southeast.

NPS 932-760

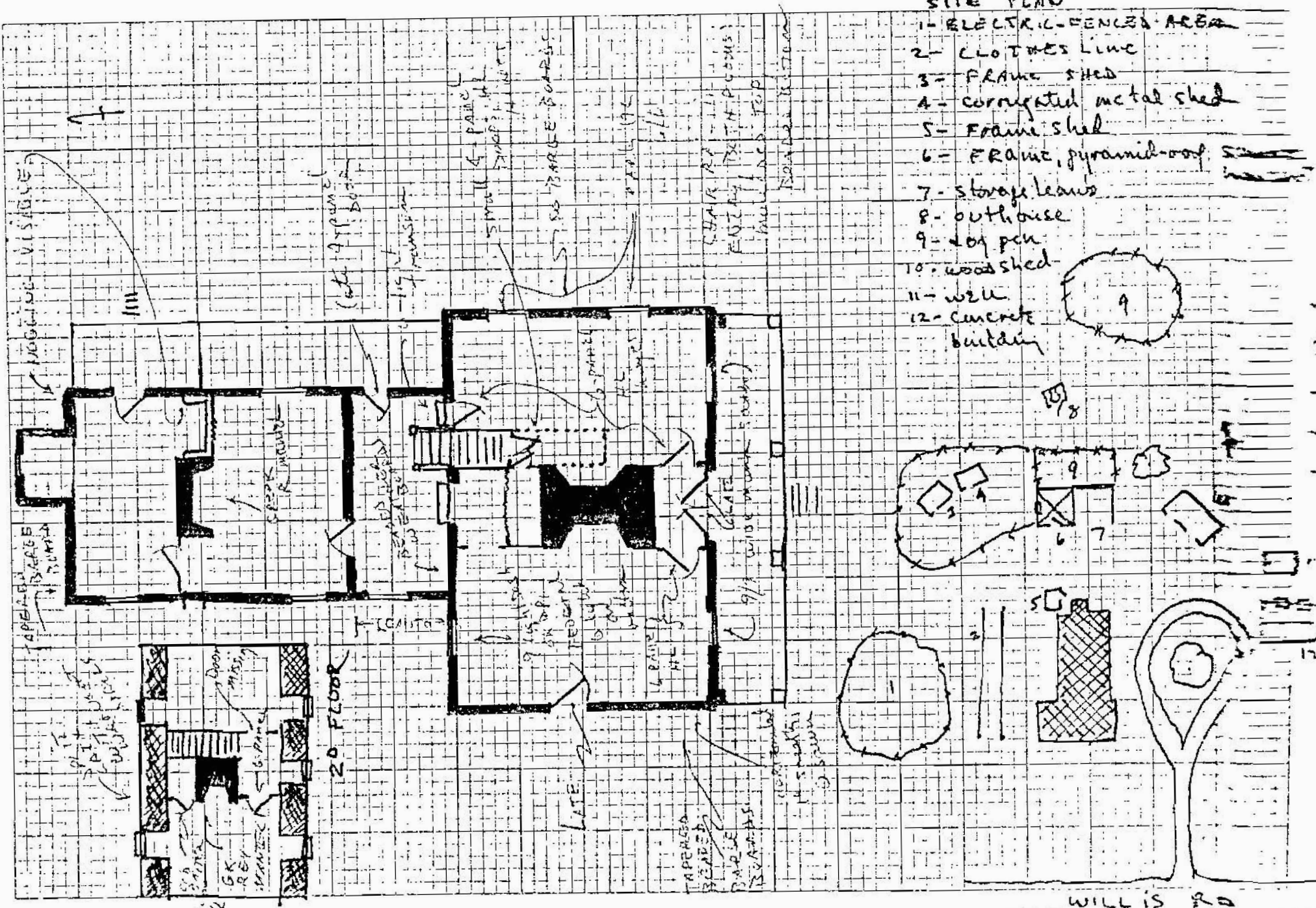
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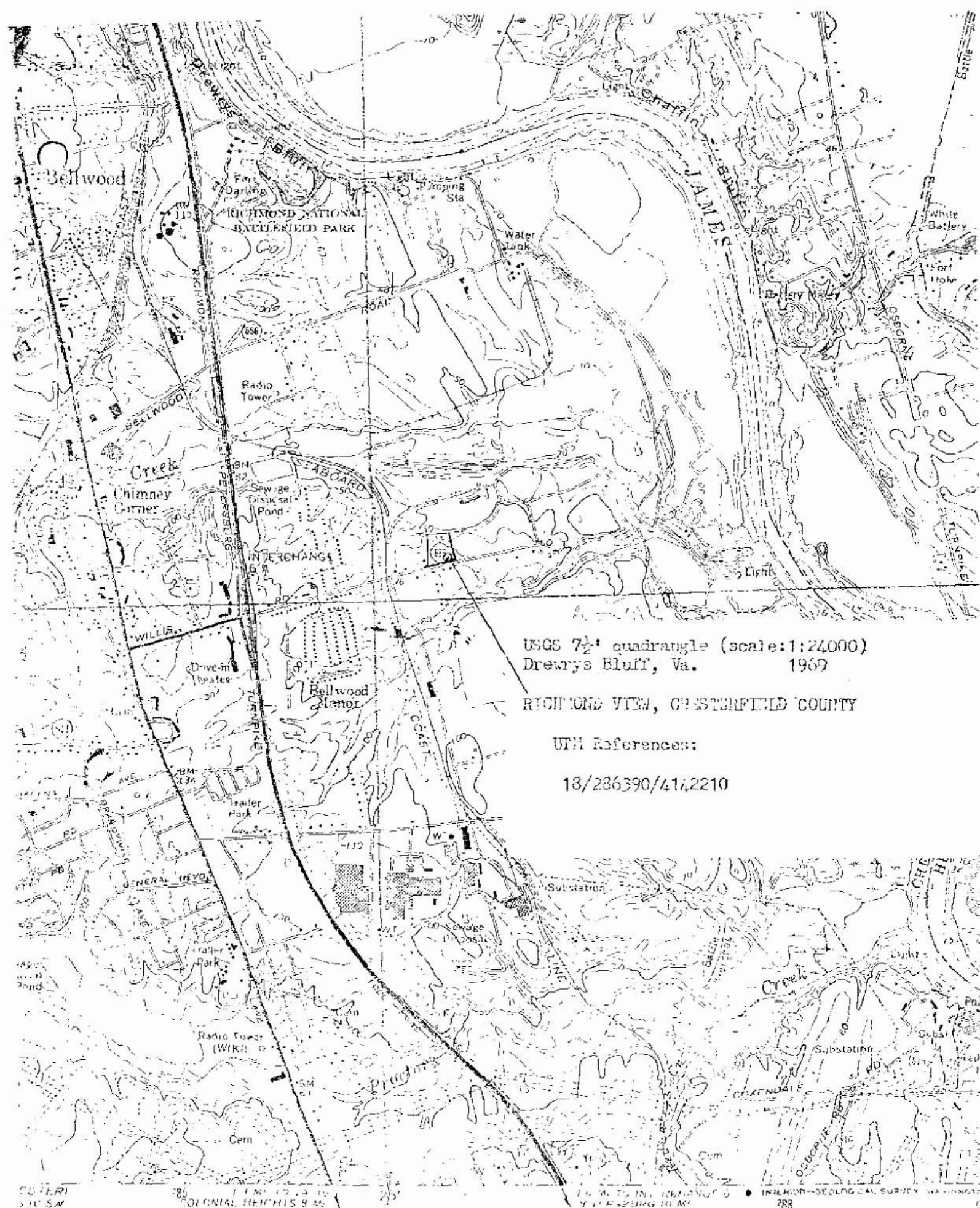
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Richmond View	Kingsland	
2. LOCATION		
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Virginia	Chesterfield	(Chimney Corner vicinity)
STREET AND NUMBER		
1608 Willis Road		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW		

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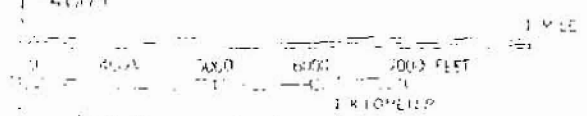


USGS 7 1/2' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Drewrys Bluff, Va. 1969

RIGHTS VIEW, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

UTM References:
18/286390/4142210

COLONIAL HEIGHTS 9 1/2'



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, light duty hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, improved surface